

## WIRELESS FLASH ANNOUNCED KAISER'S DEATH

NEW YORK BOARD OF TRADE  
IN WILD EXCITEMENT  
OVER RUMOR

REPORT IS SO FAR  
UNCONFIRMED, HOWEVER

ANOTHER BRITISH SUBMA-  
RINE GOES DOWN; RUSS-  
SIANS WINNING

### BULLETIN

New York, Jan. 7.—The rumor is still persistent on the Produce Exchange that Emperor William of Germany is dead. The report, it is said, was received by a wireless flash before the censors took absolute charge.

### Suffers from Cancer.

Paris, Jan. 7.—The Matin affirms, notwithstanding details, that the German emperor is suffering from cancer of the throat and is no longer able to speak.

"In February, 1914," according to the Matin, "the doctors were considering whether it was necessary to remove the entire larynx in order to stay the progress of the disease. They raised the question as to whether the emperor would be able to speak if such an operation were performed."

"The leading specialists of every capital in Europe were consulted. Lately the emperor's condition has grown steadily worse. An operation may mean his death, most certainly the loss of speech."

### Russians Winning in East.

Petrograd, Jan. 7.—(Via London.)—It appears not improbable, according to advices from the front, that the Austro-German forces at the southern extremity of the fighting area will be forced back to the line running through Kolomea, Stanislaw and Galich in the near future as the result of the steady, continuous advance of the Russian between the upper reaches of the River Strips and the Rumanian frontier. Already the Austrians are reported to have removed their base from Czernowitz towards Kolomea.

Notwithstanding the fact that the Austrians are fighting courageously the Russians, it is declared, have succeeded in taking by storm fortifications around Czernowitz that were recently described in the German press as impregnable. Having cut the rail

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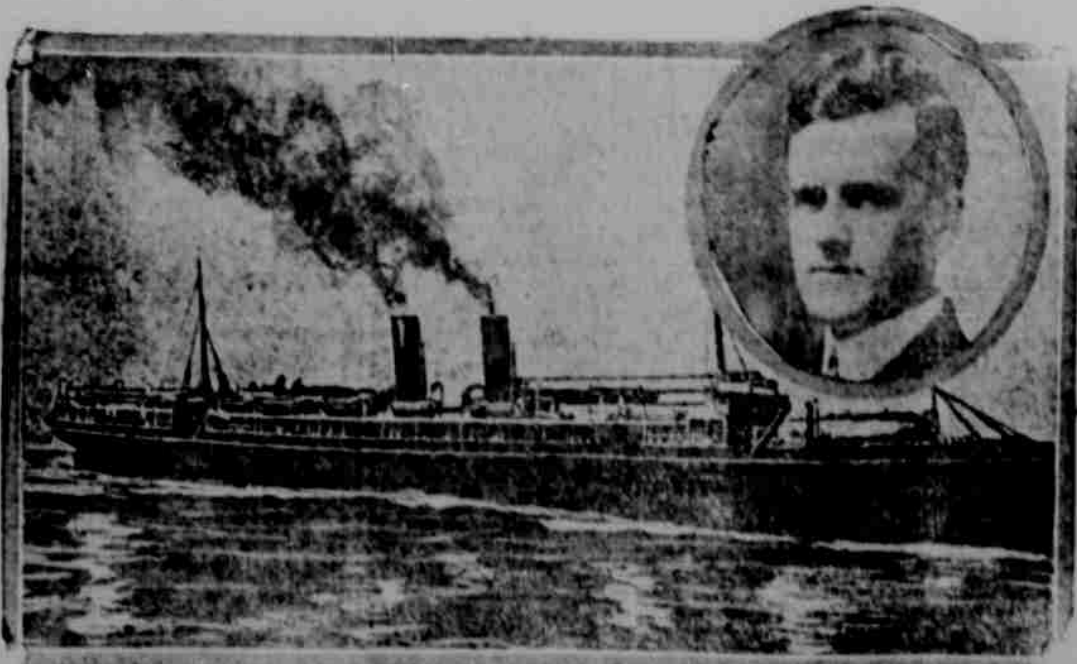
## CRESCENT POOL HALL AGAIN IN COURT

The famous Crescent City pool hall controversy is again in the courts. This time on an appeal from the county court. In the county court Judge Chappelle held that the election under which the pool hall was decided a nuisance by the small margin of one vote, was held without the usual legal formalities. The enforcement league who campaigned to clear Crescent of the pool halls appealed to the district court from Judge Chappelle's decision. The case is styled Crescent City vs. Pearl DeFrees. A number of Crescent people are here today as witnesses.

## THE WAR A YEAR AGO TODAY

Jan. 7, 1915.  
French made progress in direction of Altkirch.  
Germans in the east hampered by mud.  
Turks occupied Urmiah.  
Report made by French commission charging Germans with habitual "pillaging, burning and murder."  
United States refuses to investigate German charge that British used dum dum bullets.  
French government sent thanks for work of Lafayette fund.  
President Poincare of France signed decree prohibiting sale and transportation of absinthe and similar liquors.

## British Ship Torpedoed and American Consul on Board



The Persia.

Robert N. McNerly, American Consul at Aden.

## WILL TRY TO MODIFY OSAGE LEASING RULES

INTERIOR DEPARTMENT IS  
ASKED TO DEFER ACTION  
BY OHIO SENATOR

Washington, Jan. 7.—The Osage leasing regulations promulgated by the Interior Department last summer, in so far as they affect the holdings of T. N. Barnsdall through the Barnsdall Oil Company, were brought before the senate in a resolution offered by Senator Oliver of Pennsylvania requesting the department to defer action upon certain producing territory in the Barnsdall lease until action could be taken by Congress. The resolution is the forerunner of the fight for control of large acreage by Barnsdall in the Osage country which has been forecasted for several months. Members of the Osage Indian council which approved the department's new leasing regulations and made statements laudatory of the work of Secretary Lane and Indian Commissioner Sells, reached Washington last night. A story current today was that the council intended to have a modification of their order with respect to Barnsdall, but this was denied from the office of the Indian Commissioner. It was not stated there what business brought the council to Washington.

Barnsdall's complaint has been chiefly that the department failed to recognize a vested right he possessed and that he should have been given opportunity to reimburse himself out of his investment made in the Osage country, amounting to something more than \$6,000,000, pledging as security the Osage holdings and other securities. The area leased under the old Foster lease in the Osage country was 680,000 acres, and Barnsdall held oil rights to approximately 300,000 acres.

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## GOVERNOR WILLIAMS CALLS EXTRA SESSION

Oklahoma City, Jan. 7.—The long expected call for a special session of the legislature was made by Gov. Williams late yesterday evening.

The proclamation calling the extra session states:

By virtue of the authority vested in me by section 7 of article 6 of the constitution of the state of Oklahoma, I do hereby convene the legislature of the said state in extraordinary session at Oklahoma City at 9 o'clock a. m. on Monday, Jan. 17, 1916, subject to be acted upon at said session except such as may be recommended for consideration by the governor of the state.

Done at the state capital at Oklahoma City this 6th day of January, A. D. 1916.

(Signed) R. L. WILLIAMS.

The Governor of the State of Oklahoma.

Countersigned by

J. L. LYON, Secretary of State.

The governor expressed the hope that the session would last but 27 days and cost not to exceed \$25,000.

The steamship Persia of the British Peninsula & Occidental Line, carrying many scores of passengers, was torpedoed off Crete, Dec. 30. Among them was Robert N. McNerly, who had recently been appointed American consul at Aden in Arabia. With him was his brother, board McNerly, who was his secretary. If McNerly was one of those who went down, the fact that he was an American official will add to the complications with Austria or Germany, whichever sent out his submarine.

## J. M. U. BASKETBALL SQUAD TO FACE EDMOND

JAMES ON LOCAL COURT PROMISES TO BE A CLOSE ONE AND HOTLY FOUGHT

The first game of basketball following the holidays will be played tonight in the university gym between the J. M. U. and the team from Central State Normal at Edmond.

This is the first game played by the boys on the home court, and they are confident of victory. In their game with Stillwater before the holidays their team work far surpassed that of their opponents and held them to a close score.

Edmond had her first game last night with Phillips University of Enid and won by a good score but this was partly due to their running in two complete teams on Enid during the game.

O. M. U. is stronger this year than ever before and as it has always been tip and tuck with Edmond the boys feel sure of winning the game tonight.

## ROBBERS GET OFF WITH BIG STAMP LOOT

BESIDES MILLION DOLLARS  
IN REVENUE TAGS \$5,000  
IN MONEY TAKEN

St. Paul, Jan. 7.—From six hundred to five thousand dollars in cash and internal revenue stamps worth a million dollars were stolen from the office of the collector of internal revenue in the post office building here, when the vault door was blown last night.

Collector Lutch said the robbers had carefully selected the negotiable stamps and had left the unnegotiable stamps in a large amount.

It is thought that the men who did the job were familiar not only with the building, but with the value of government revenue stamps and the kind that would go unnoticed.

## GUTHRIE BUSINESS MEN ON FEDERAL JURY

The federal grand jury is in session. There are 20 members on the jury this time and one third of them are Guthrie business men. Bert Coughlin, Lyman Gray, U. C. Goss, Don Morris, Vic Houston, Nathan Patterson, E. L. Hirsch and Fred Beck were sworn. The session will continue for ten days.

## RICE KILLED HIS WIFE FOR LOVE OF A CHARMER

BURIED HER FROM CLIFF,  
THEN BEAT SKULL IN  
WITH ROCK

Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 7.—A jury has completed and several witnesses testified in district court here today on the trial of Frederick T. Price on a charge of murdering his wife.

Physicians who examined the injuries about Mrs. Price's head soon after she was lifted from the foot of a cliff the night of November 28, 1914, testified her skull had been crushed in.

Prosecutor George Armstrong, in outlining the state's case said Price's marriage vows had become irksome and he had decided to rid himself of his wife.

"He did not care to divorce her," continued the prosecutor, "for her hands are not paid alimony in this state."

### A Butterfly Career.

"But he must have her money to continue his butterfly career. He had met a pretty stenographer, and with his wife's money he and the stenographer could go dancing through life together. So, after cool consideration, he decided to throw his wife from the cliff to her death. We will show that Price, after throwing his wife from the cliff, became frightened lest passing automobiles hear her moans and accompanied by Charles D. Etchison, he went to her side not to aid her but to crush her head with a rock."

Etchison, the state's chief witness, who said he accompanied Price on the night of the alleged crime for \$4,000 because of his indebtedness to Price and his need of money, probably will not testify before Monday.

## 26 BILLION IS COST OF WAR; PEOPLE WILL PAY

ACTUAL DAILY EXPENSE OF  
RUNNING HUGE CONFLICT  
IS \$5 MILLION

ALL MONEY USED  
HAS BEEN BORROWED

LOANS MUST BE PAID BY  
HIGH TAXATION IN  
ALL NATIONS

New York, Jan. 7.—At the close of 1915 the war had cost more than 26 billion dollars, exceeding by 5 billion the total national debts of the six principal belligerent powers when the conflict began. With the exception of about 500 million raised in the United Kingdom by taxation, practically all the expenses of the war have been met by borrowed money. The end of 1915, therefore, finds the fighting nations saddled with double the debt they had accumulated in all the centuries preceding the outbreak of the war.

In the early days of the war the most liberal estimate of its cost, including the destruction of property and the economic losses caused by casualties, was 50 million dollars a day. The actual expenses now, exclusive of economic and property losses, is \$5 million a day. Of this amount the Quadruple Entente is paying two-thirds and the Teutonic Alliance one-third. If the war continues through the winter the cost will probably rise to 100 million a day. The interest on war loans which the war has already imposed on Europe's future generations is about a billion and two hundred million a year. Every week the war lasts fixes an additional annual interest burden on the belligerents of \$5 million.

Colonial taxation will have to be imposed on the soldiers when they return home after peace is declared. The belligerents will be bowed beneath the burdens of the war debts. The Germans for a time this year believed it might be possible for them to

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## FEDERAL JAIL TO LOGAN IS ASKED IN BILL

UNITED STATES BASTILLE  
WILL BECOME PROPERTY  
OF THE COUNTY

Washington, D. C., Jan. 7.—Congressman Thompson introduced a bill today authorizing the Attorney General to convey the Federal jail, located at Guthrie, to Logan County.

There is little doubt but that it will become a law. During the holidays Mr. Thompson prepared the bill, called on the Department of Justice, explained its provisions and was assured that there would be no opposition to its passage.

In 1914 Congress passed an act conveying the United States jails at Muskogee, Vinita, Ardmore and McAlester to the counties in which they were situated but, for some reason, the act did not provide for the jail at Guthrie. The bill introduced by Mr. Thompson places Logan county on an equality with the other counties where Federal jails were located.

### PAYING PREMIUM FOR OIL

Oil operators throughout the state are now being paid a premium for the crude. Independent refineries need the oil and the producers are profiting by the demand. Oil that is sold at \$1.20 the barrel is really bringing \$1.60.

## SHUN SNEEZERS AND AVOID GRIP GERMS

COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH  
TELLS HOW TO KEEP THE  
DISEASE AWAY

New York, Jan. 7.—If you would avoid the omnipresent grip germ or the pneumonia bacillus, you must carefully observe these rules, which are suggested by Dr. Haven Emerson, New York's commissioner of the department of health:

Keep in good physical condition by taking exercise and sleeping in a well-ventilated apartment.

Avoid the use of liquor.

Refrain from overeating.

Do not remain in an overheated apartment.

Avoid contact with persons who are afflicted with a cough or who sneeze.

The common or garden sneeze, not at all restrained in what might be termed the restriction, but properly

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## SURVIVORS IN DOUBT OVER CAUSE OF WRECK

NO WARNING GIVEN; WASH-  
INGTON GAIETY SEASON;  
CONGRESS GRINDS

### By Associated Press.

Washington, Jan. 7.—Consul Harter, at Alexandria, advised the state department today that he had secured affidavits from twenty-one survivors of the Persia, including Grant. All confirmed the previous statements made, that "no warning was given and no vessel was seen." The affidavits indicate that some are in doubt as to whether it was a submarine or a floating mine that did the work.

### Counting Time on Persia Matter.

Washington, Jan. 7.—The Persia incident was taken up only briefly at the cabinet meeting today, because Secretary Lansing had no definite recommendations to make in the absence of specific facts regarding the sinking of the ship. One cabinet member said that mention of the Persian situation at the meeting was only superficial.

### White House Social Season Opens.

Washington, Jan. 7.—The White House social season opens tonight with a reception in honor of the Pan-American scientific congress delegates. President and Mrs. Wilson will receive in the Blue Room.

### English Sub Goes Down.

London, Jan. 7.—The sinking of a British submarine off the coast of Holland is officially announced. The crew was saved. The Admiralty statement does not name the vessel. It was sunk yesterday off the island of

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### GOVERNOR WILLIAMS

has accepted the resignation of Judge John Devereaux as a member of the supreme court commission. The resignation will become effective Monday. Judge Devereaux has served on the commission eight months and during that time made an enviable record. He goes to Tulsa where he has formed a law partnership with former congressman Fred S. McGuire. Sam Hooker, deputy county attorney of Oklahoma county has been named by Gov. Williams to succeed Devereaux.

### STATE BUYS FARM.

The state board of affairs and Gov. Williams have closed a deal for a 2,000-acre farm near Casey, in Atoka county to be used as a prison farm or stockade. The farm will be planted in all kinds of crops and prisoners from McAlester will be placed to do the work. Prison farms in other states have been made to pay all expenses of subsistence of the prison and it is expected this will be the result in Oklahoma.

## M'COMBS URGES PRIMARIES TO PICK DELEGATES

NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC  
CHAIRMAN CALLS ATTEN-  
TION TO PLATFORM

MAY ALSO ELECT COM-  
MITTEEMAN SAME WAY

OKLAHOMA REPUBLICANS  
WILL USE OLD CONVEN-  
TION SYSTEM

Win F. McComb of New York, chairman of the Democratic national committee, has written to every Democratic state chairman in the United States calling their attention to that place in the Baltimore platform in which the election of delegates and alternates to the national convention by primary is recommended.

Many states do not have a mandatory primary system of choosing candidates. Oklahoma does have such a system, but has never, so far as it is in the choosing of delegates to a national convention. Robert Gaffbrath, national committeeman for Oklahoma, who was in Guthrie this week may stand for the new order of things and a call to that effect may be issued. The national sub-committee will meet in St. Louis in February to arrange for the election of delegates to the national convention.

The significance of McComb's communication is not apparent in view of the general opinion among politicians and leaders that Woodrow Wilson will be unopposed for the nomination for president.

If the primary suggestion were carried out it would obviate the necessity for a Democratic state convention for the selection of the "big four" and the two delegates from each of the eight congressional districts.

It also would render unnecessary any county or district conventions.

The proposed primary would be held under the auspices of the Democratic state committee.

### Would Vote Direct.

The Democratic voters would vote direct for candidates for delegates at large and, in addition, would vote in their respective districts for candidates for district delegates, two of whom must be chosen from each congressional district. The expense probably would be borne by the candidates or delegates or by general contributions handled through the committee.

It has been the time honored custom of the Republican party in the state to hold district conventions to select their delegates to the national convention. A general convention of all districts finally elect the "big four" and ratify the elections made by the congressional district conventions.

The primary system has no sanction by statute to elect delegates to the national convention and there is no law regulating them.

Many Will Want to Go.

If opposition should develop to Wil-

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### THE WEATHER

(By Associated Press.)

New Orleans, La., Jan. 7.—Fair tonight and Saturday. Without decided temperature change.

### THE CHEERFUL CHERUB

I lost my job the other day  
I really need my wages, but  
if I had kept on working there  
I might have gotten in a rut.

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